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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO ROMANIA

1. ECUADOREAN PAPERS HAVE SMOTHERED THEIR READERS OVER PAST FEW DAYS WITH REPORTS OF RODRIGUEZ LARA'S HIGHLY TOUTED VISIT TO ROMANIA, THE FIRST VISIT BY AN ECUADOREAN PRESIDENT TO A COMMUNIST COUNTRY, STATE VISIT WAS ECUADOREAN RESPONSE TO CEAUSESCU VISIT TO ECUADOR IN SEPTEMBER, 1973.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, HEADS OF STATE SIGNED A JOINT DECLARATION PLEDGING INCREASED COLLABORATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE FULL RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND BETTER UTILIZATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES. JOINT DECLARATION OUTLINED ASPIRATIONS OF BOTH COUNTRIES FOR INCREASED ECONOMIC COOPERATION ESPECIALLY IN PETROLEUM, FERTILIZER AND AGRICULTURAL FIELDS. SUPPORTING JOINT DECLARATION WERE THREE AGREEMENTS FOR COOPERATION; FIRST FORSEES COOPERATION IN CHEMICAL AND PETROCHEMICAL FIELDS, IN THE INSTALLATION OF PLANTS FOR PRODUCTION OF ASCORBIC ACID, AND IN CONSTRUCTION OF REFINERY AND FERTILIZER PLANTS. A SECOND AGREEMENT FORSEES COOPERATION

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IN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. A THIRD STIPULATES ECONOMIC,

TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF FERTILIZER AND CEMENT PLANTS, DEVELOPMENT OF TIMBER INDUSTRY AND PLANTS FOR FABRICATION OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, AND ASSISTANCE IN MINERAL PROSPECTING. ECUADOR HOPES TO PURCHASE FERTILIZERS, CHEMICAL PRODUCTS, TRACTORS, ETC. IN EXCHANGE FOR SALE OF CANNED TUNA, COFFEE, COCOA AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. ROMANIA'S INTEREST IN PURCHASING ECUADOREAN OIL IS ALSO ADDRESSED.

3. BOTH PRESIDENTS AGREED THAT FIRST MEETING OF MIXED ROMANIAN-ECUADOREAN COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION SHOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE JUNE.

4. COMMENT: ECUADOREAN-ROMANIAN RELATIONS REFLECT BOTH COUNTRIES EFFORTS TO EXPAND THEIR HORIZONS AND FREE THEMSELVES SOMEWHAT FROM WHAT HAVE BEEN THEIR TRADITIONAL TRADE AND POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS. WE DO NOT EXPECT RAPID OR REALLY SIGNIFICANT RESULTS IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD FROM THIS EXCHANGE.
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